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•	For:	FASTENING ELEMENT AND)	
		FASTENING SYSTEM FOR PLASTIC)	
		CONTAINERS	,	
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2005, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5029 (Ref. 18744-0015).

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 14, 2006.

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